



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; The UniDescription Project:**

### Audio Description Research

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the National Park Service (NPS) are proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Please provide a copy of your comments to the NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR-ICCO), 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive (MS-242) Reston, Virginia 20192 (mail); or to [phadrea\\_ponds@nps.gov](mailto:phadrea_ponds@nps.gov) (email). Please reference OMB Control Number 1024-NEW (UniD) in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Michele Hartley, Media Accessibility Coordinator by email at [michele\\_hartley@nps.gov](mailto:michele_hartley@nps.gov) or by telephone at 304-535-6083, or contact Brett Oppegaard by email at [brett.oppegaard@hawaii.edu](mailto:brett.oppegaard@hawaii.edu). Please reference OMB Control Number 1024-NEW (UniD) in the subject line of your comments.

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telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public

record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, require equivalent access for persons with disabilities to public facilities, learning materials, and other types of information resources. Traditionally, National Park Service brochures combine text, illustrations, photographs, and maps to provide an overview of the park's history and significance. Nearly 80% of park visitors report looking at the park's printed brochure as the most common activity at any NPS site. The industry and academic research about the quality and modalities used to develop and deliver audio descriptions are limited. More than often the techniques focus on video and live performance, versus static material such as print brochures or two-dimensional exhibits. The NPS is working in partnership with the UniDescription research project at the University of Hawaii to conduct focus groups and user evaluations of digital content, web tools, and mobile apps designed to address and develop alternate formats that will make equivalent experiences and information in print materials accessible. Audio Descriptions will be created and designed to make information in print materials accessible to people who are blind, have low vision or have a print disability.

*Title of Collection:* The UniDescription Project: Audio Description Research.

*OMB Control Number:* 1024-NEW.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* General Public.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 120.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies, up to 60 minutes.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 120.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* One-time, on occasions.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor nor is a person required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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